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LIKE TWIGS IN A HURRICANE,
THEY WERE BLOWN AWAY BY
THE POWER OF THE
GOD OF THUNDER.



USING ALL HIS POWER,
RAIDEN CALLED UP THE
WINDS AND—FOR A SPLIT
SECOND—OPENED THE
PORTAL BETWEEN
EARTH AND OUTWORLD.

NOW THEY ARE
SCATTERED
ACROSS THE VAST
WASTELAND RULED
BY THE EMPEROR
SHAO KAHN.



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IN ONE OF THE
EMPTY PLAINS
SO PREVALENT ON
OUTWORLD...

WE'RE ON
THE WASTELAND,
DUE EAST OF THE
LIVING
FOREST.

THE
LIV RUEI
HAVE EXTENSIVE
MAPS OF THIS
LAND.

WE HAVE
NO NEED FOR
YOUR CLAN'S
CARTOGRAPHY,
SUB-ZERO...

...FOR
RAYDEN HAS
WALKED THIS PATH
MANY TIMES.

LOOK...
ANOTHER HAS
WALKED THIS WAY
IN THE PAST
HOUR.

IT
APPEARS TO BE
THE TRACKS OF
HYDRO.

WHY WOULD
SHANG
TSUNG SHOW
SUCH INTEREST
IN THIS
GROUP?

WE
SHOULD...
URK... ULP.



NOT FAR AWAY...

LET ME
HEAR YOU BEG,
YOUNG WARRIOR.
PERHAPS SCORPION
WILL SHOW MERCY...
FOR ONCE!

I DO
NOT FEAR YOU,
YOU SHOULD DO YOUR
WORST.



YOU DO
NOT DESERVE
MY WORST,
NINJA. ONLY A
FRACTION
OF IT.

YOU MAY
CHANGE YOUR VIEW.
ONCE YOU HAVE
FELT THE POWER
OF HYDRO.

THE LIN KUEI WARRIOR
SEES THE SPIKE
DARTING THROUGH
THE WAVES...

...HE SEES IT, BUT HE DOES
NOT HAVE TIME TO ACT.





I WILL FIGHT YOU, SCORPION, BUT I SHALL NO LONGER FEAR YOU.

FOR YOU ARE NOTHING BUT A SPIRIT, AND MY FEAR MAKES YOU STRONGER.

IT IS TRUE THAT, SHOULD I LET YOU, YOU COULD DESTROY ME.

UP.

FOOGAHH

BUT FOR YOU TO KILL ME, YOU WILL FIRST HAVE TO BECOME SOLID.

AND WHEN YOU BECOME SOLID...

THEN YOU CAN BE BROKEN.

KEEESAAHH

IMPRESSIVE,
SUB-ZERO. YOU HAVE
CONQUERED YOUR
FEAR OF ME.

UNFORTUNATELY,
YOU HAVE NOT
CONQUERED
ME.

AND
THERE WILL
BE
ANOTHER
DAY.

MAINTAIN
ME FOR THE
REST OF MY DAYS
IF YOU WISH,
GHOUl.

BUT YOU
SHALL ALWAYS
FIND SUB-ZERO
READY FOR
YOU.

BEGONE,
SPIRIT, FOR
SUB-ZERO IS NOW
UNDER THE
PROTECTION OF
THE GOD OF
THUNDER.

I ENDED
YOUR LIFE,
SCORPION. IF
NEED BE, I SHALL
END YOUR
AFTERLIFE.

PERHAPS I
UNDERESTIMATED
YOU, NINJA.

TO EXACT
MY REVENGE,
I MAY NEED
MORE
POWER...

...AND
SCORPION
KNOWS JUST
WHERE TO
FIND IT.

ON A MYSTERIOUS
ISLAND THAT SHOWS
UP ON NO MAP
EVER DRAWN...

...THE MORTAL KOMBAT
TOURNAMENT HAS BEEN HALTED
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HISTORY.

ARE
YOU SURE
THIS IS A GOOD
IDEA? STEALING
FROM SHANG
TSUNG?

HAVEN'T
YOU HEARD?
GORO HAS
DISAPPEARED.

IS
THAT SO,
WORM?

IS THAT
WHAT THEY'RE
SAYING ON THE
ISLAND?

THAT
THE PRINCE
OF PAIN
NO LONGER
RESIDES
HERE?

I WILL
LET YOU
LIVE THIS
TIME

GO BACK
OUT THERE AND
TELL THEM
TELL THEM
ALL

TELL THEM
THAT GORO
HAS GONE
NOWHERE

IF WORD
GETS OUT THAT
MIGHTY GORO
IS NO LONGER
HERE

SOME OF THE
FIGHTERS STILL HERE
MAY FEEL OVER-
CONFIDENT...

AND THAT
WOULD NOT PLEASE
SHANG TSUNG
AT ALL

IT IS
TROUBLE SOME, LOSING
THE PRISONERS AND
THE TAO TE ZHAN. NOT
TO MENTION THE STRANGE
DISAPPEARANCE
OF MY FAITHFUL
SERVANT

BUT
I MUST BE
PATIENT. I ALREADY
HAVE OTHERS
SEARCHING FOR
GORO. AND THEY
SHALL NOT FAIL
ME

FOR MORE DETAILS, SEE
THE NEW MINI-SERIES
GORO: PRINCE OF PAIN,
ON SALE NOW!

MEANWHILE, IN ANOTHER REGION OF OUTWORLD

A LONE FIGURE APPROACHES A PEACEFUL LOOKING VILLAGE

BOY THIS LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING FROM THE LAND THAT TIME FORGOT.

WELL, PEOPLE HERE ARE ABOUT TO GET A SPECIAL TREAT

THE CHANCE TO MEET JOHNNY CAGE IN PERSON.

QUICK! TAKE HIM!

WE HAVE YOU NOW, STRANGER.

YOU THINK SO, HUNT?

YOU GUYS PROBABLY HAVEN'T SEEN ANY LATEST MOVIE SUDDEN VIOLENCE.

BUT THERE'S THIS ONE SCENE WHERE I DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS.

WHAM! WHAM!

MARRGOM...



HE'S GOT SOMETHING HE WANTS TO PROVE TO THE WORLD. SOMETHING HE WANTS TO PROVE TO HIMSELF.



YOU
CEASE
WITH YOUR
HOSTILITIES.

YOU
HAVE BROKEN
THE LAWS
OF OUR
VILLAGE

AND YOU
MUST ANSWER
TO
AYNOS
QUEEN OF
THESE PEOPLE

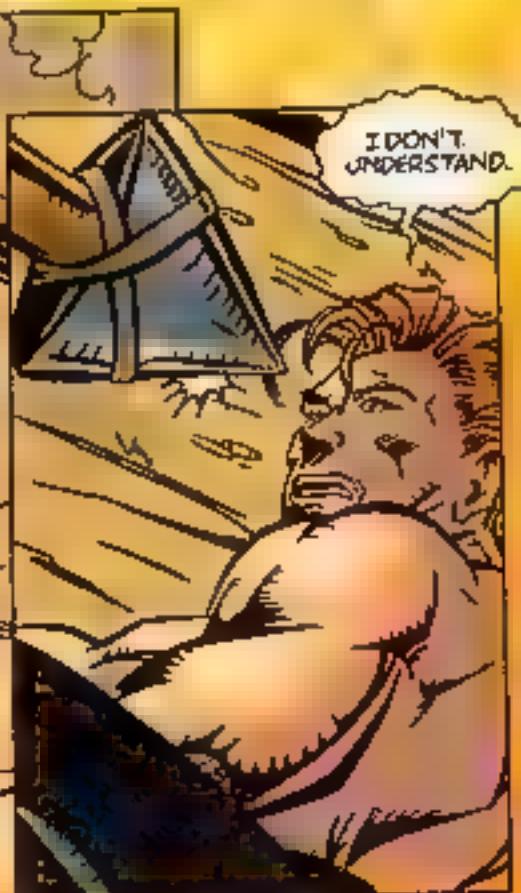
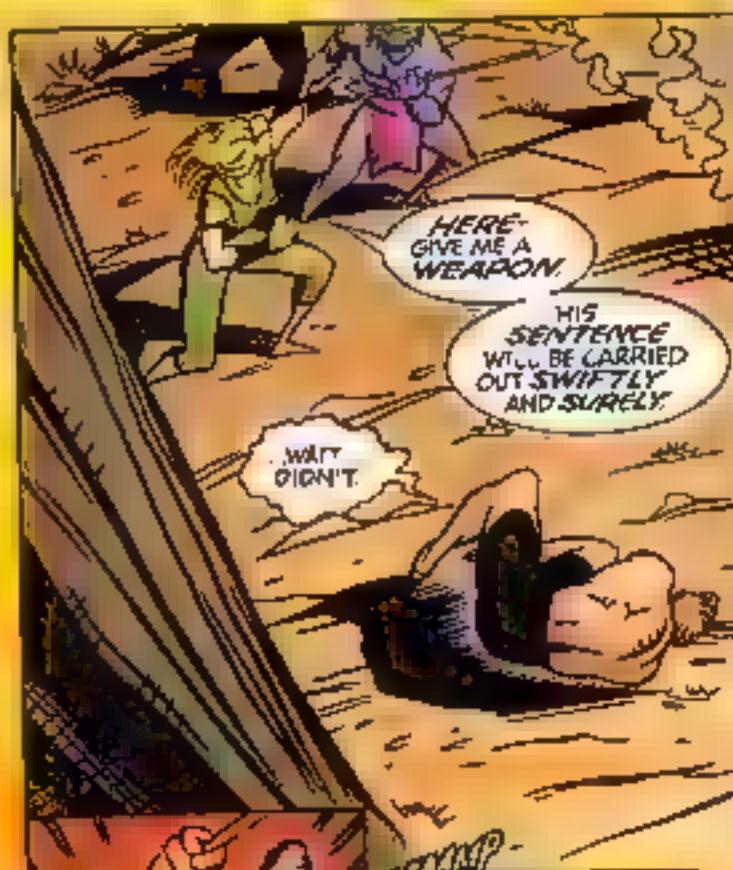
SONYA
BABY I WAS
HOPING
I'D FIND
SOMEBODY
I KNEW

YOU'RE
LOOKING FINE
AS USUAL

YOU
FOOL!

NO
ONE GAVE
YOU LEAVE TO
TOUCH'N'QUEEN
AYNOS

YOU WILL
PAY FOR THIS
INDISCRETION
WITH YOUR
LIFE



I DON'T
KNOW WHO
YOU ARE,
INTERLOPER.

BUT
YOU SHALL
PAY FOR
YOUR RASH
ACTIONS.

IF YOU
THINK YOU
CAN COLLECT
ON THAT
THREAT...

THEN
JUST BRINGS
IT ON,
SISTER.

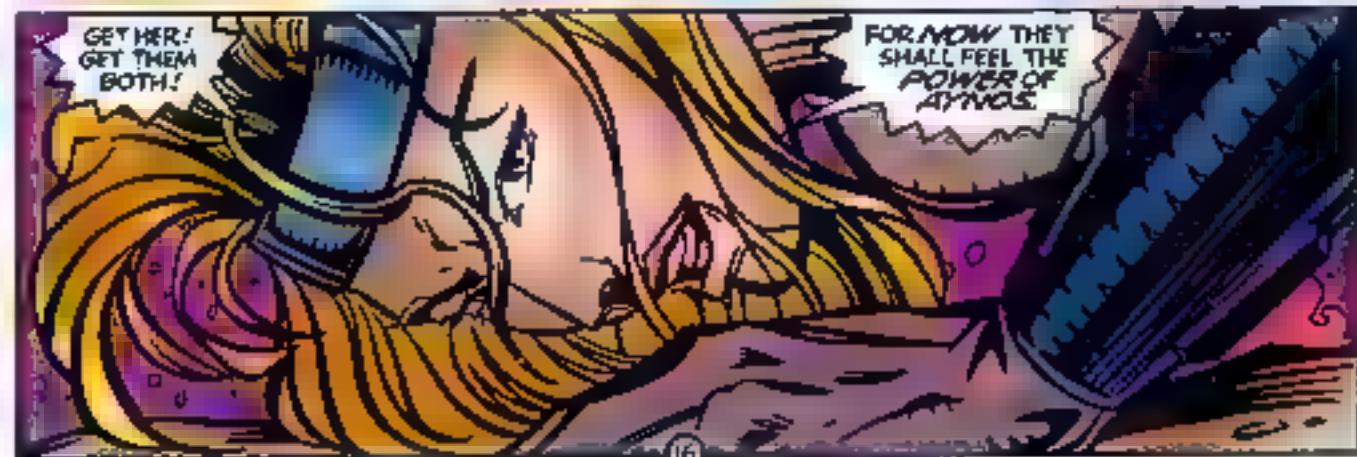
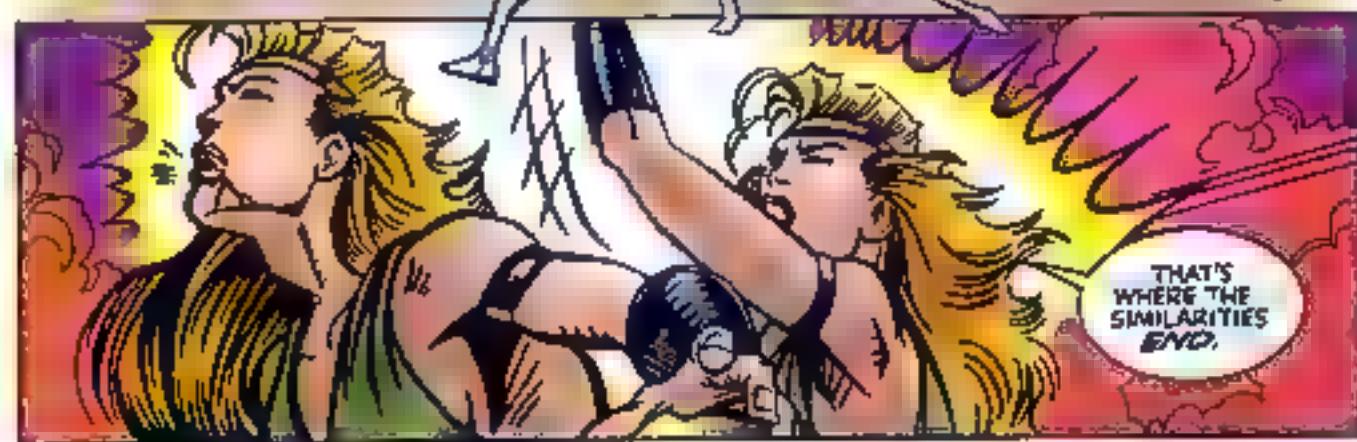
YOU SHALL
REGRET
EVER STEPPING
FOOT IN MY
VILLAGE.

LET'S SEE
IF YOU CAN
FIGHT AS WELL
AS YOU CAN
TALK.

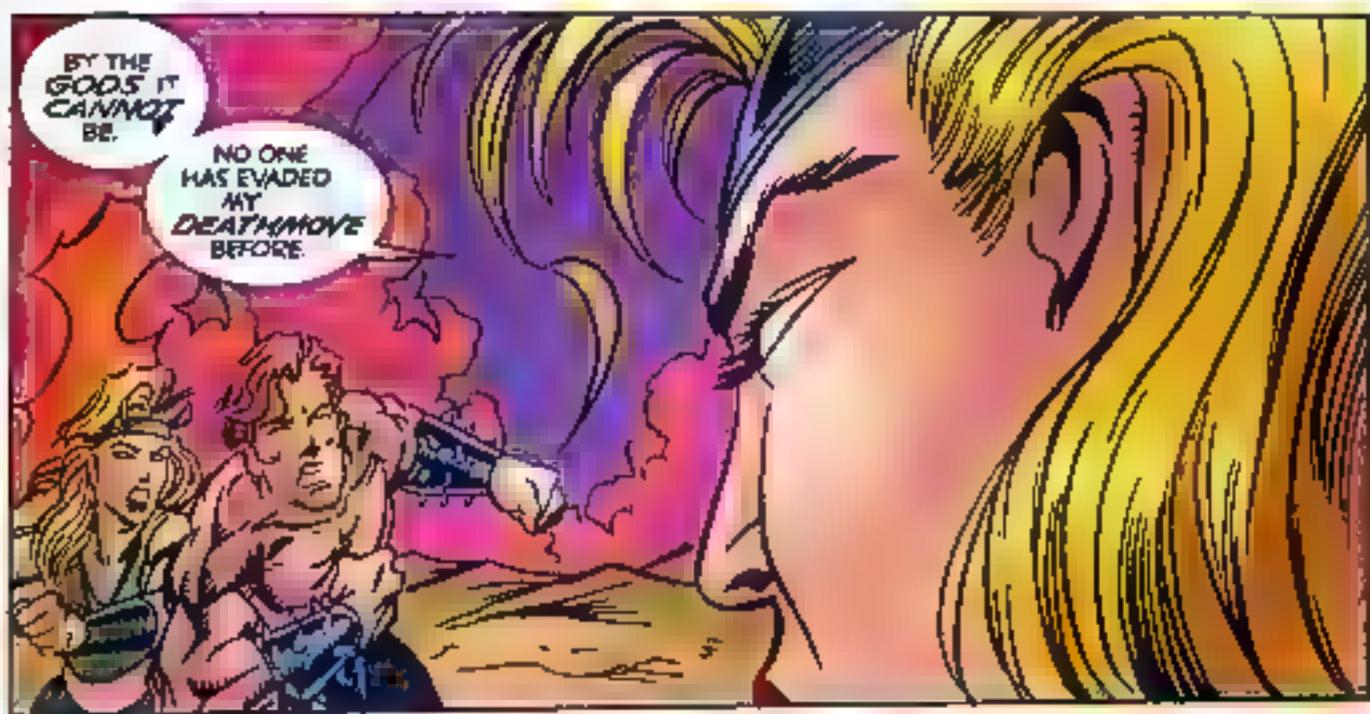
GO
GET 'ER,
SONYA,
WHICHEVER
ONE YOU ARE

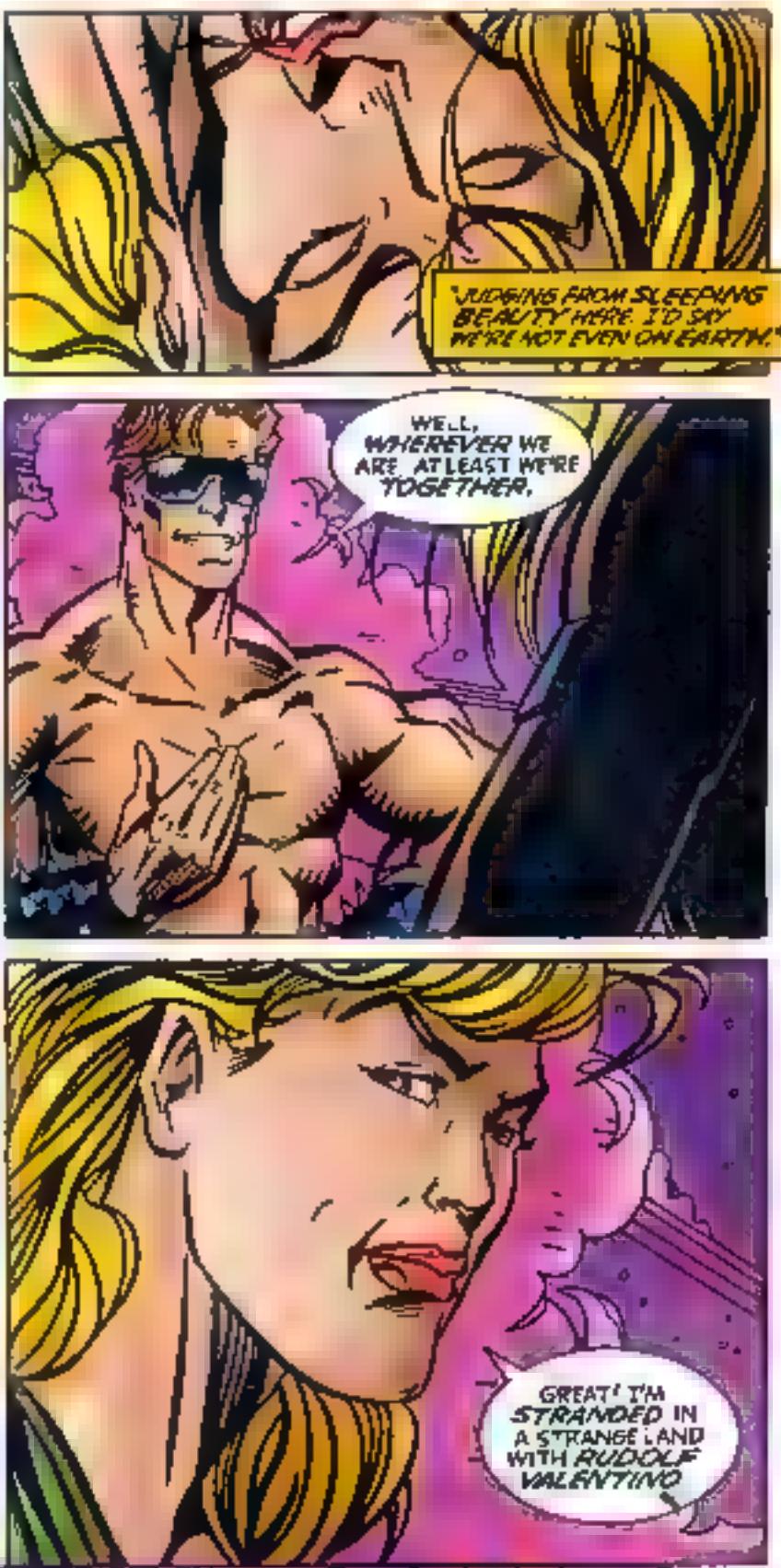
YOU
COULD ASK
THE VILLAGE'S
FORMER
CHIEFTAIN IF I
CAN FIGHT

THAT
IS IF SHE
WERE STILL
ALIVE









MEANWHILE, JUST
INSIDE THE LIVING
FOREST OF OUTWORLD.

IT'S REAL
LUCKY WE
RAN INTO ONE ANOTHER.

AIN'T
THAT RIGHT,
BOY?

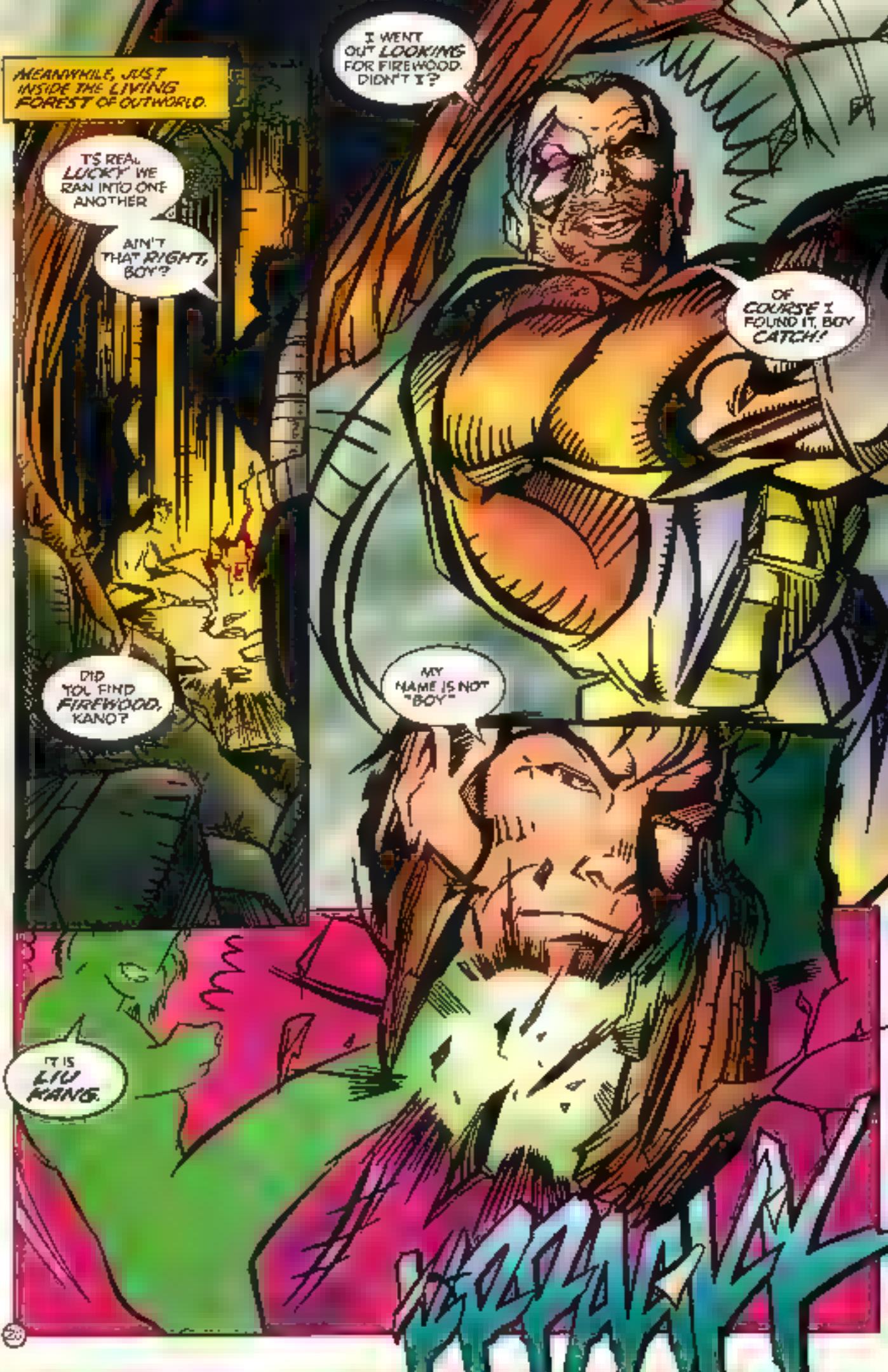
DID
YOU FIND
FIREWOOD,
KANO?

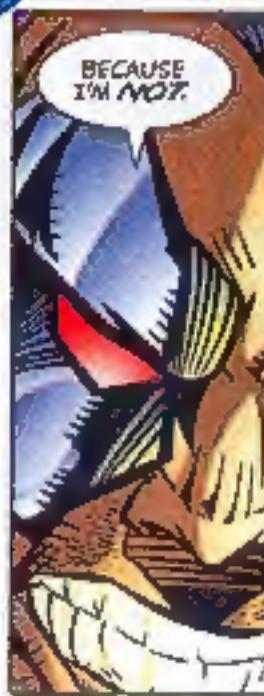
IT IS
LIU
KANG.

I WENT
OUT LOOKING
FOR FIREWOOD.
DIDN'T I?

MY
NAME IS NOT
"BOY"

OF
COURSE I
FOUND IT, BOY
CATCH!









I DO NOT
KNOW WHAT
SECRETS OR
POWER THIS
BOOK MAY
HOLD...

BUT IN
THE END,
THEY SHALL
BELONG ONLY
TO ONE.

THEY SHALL
ONE DAY BELONG
TO
SCORPION.

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